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FROM NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER. SUBJECT: FILM
EVALUATION MISSION 3243.

1. CAMERA C 118 WAS USED IN MISSION 3243 FLOWN ON 17 NOVEMBER
1963; PROCESSING WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY EASTMAN KODAK.

2. ORIGINAL NEGATIVE:

A. THE RESOLUTION IS GOOD EXCEPT IN ALL OUTBOARD CORNERS
WHERE THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT DROP IN QUALITY. THE EXPOSURE IS
ADEQUATE.

B. 9R SIDE: PRESSURE STATIC (CHATTER) IS PRESENT ALONG
BOTH EDGES OF THE FILM THROUGHOUT THE MISSION. A MINUS DENSITY
DOT OCCURS 0.5" FROM THE OUTBOARD EDGE AND APPROXIMATELY 3.0"
FROM THE TRAILING EDGE OF EACH FORMAT FROM THE BEGINNING
THROUGH FRAME 87. A MANUFACTURER'S SPLICE IS NOTED THROUGH
FRAME 2508.

C. 9L SIDE: PRESSURE ROLLER STATIC (CHATTER) IS PRESENT
ALONG THE INBOARD EDGE OF THE FILM THROUGHOUT THE MISSION.
INTERMITTENT SMALL FOG PATCHES OCCUR ALONG THE OUTBOARD EDGE OF
THE FORMAT AREA. THE PATCHES ARE MINOR, POSSIBLY A FORMAT FRAME
REFLECTION AND APPROXIMATELY 1.5" IN DIAMETER. A SCRATCH ORIGINATES

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Grace (File)

GROUP 1
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AT AN EMULSION LIFT IN FRAMES 2381 AND CONTINUES FROM THAT POINT TO FRAME 3716 (END OF THE MISSION) WHERE IT TERMINATES MIDWAY THROUGH THE FRAME. A MANUFACTURER'S SPLICE IS PRESENT THROUGH FRAME 1322.

D. BOTH SIDES: A SHUTTER MISLATCH AFFECTS FRAMES 93 AND 94. THE METERING IS SLIGHTLY ERRATIC WITH NO OVERLAPPING FORMATS NOTED. WEAK IMAGES OF SEVERAL POSITION INDICATORS ADJACENT TO THE CORRECT INDICATOR LAMP ARE OBSERVED IN EACH FRAME. THE VERTICAL INDICATOR DOT IS OVEREXPOSED AND BLOSSOMED. THERE ARE 3716 TITLED FRAMES ON EACH SIDE OF THIS MISSION.

E. NO MAJOR CAMERA MALFUNCTIONS OR PROCESSING FAULTS WERE ENCOUNTERED.

3. POSITIVE:

A. PI SUITABILITY IS GOOD WHERE NOT DEGRADED BY CLOUDS.

B. PRINTING AND PROCESSING ARE GOOD.

C. CLOUDS OBSCURE APPORXIMATELY 20 PER CENT OF THIS MISSION. SCP-1.

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(ALSO PASSED TO CIA WATCH (CGS))